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SUBJECT: FUNDING POLICY FOR SENTRY PROGRAM

TO: DIRECTOR OF BUDGET
HEADQUARTERS USAF
ATTN: AFABF-5
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

1. AFBMD HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS RECENTLY THAT FUNDING POLICY CHANGES ARE BEING FORMULATED WHICH WILL PROVIDE INCREASED AIR FORCE SUPPORT TO THE SENTRY PROGRAM AND THAT THE NAVY WILL FUND THE PACIFIC MISSILE RANGE INCLUDING MODIFICATION AND USE OF THE PVT. JOE E. MANN.

2. BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBLE FUNDING POLICY CHANGE, WE HAVE HESITATED TO PROVIDE ARPA FUNDS TO PARTICIPATING AGENCIES FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROBLEM. WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONSISTANT IN THIS APPROACH IN THAT AFCRC WAS PROVIDED ARPA FUNDS FOR SUPPLIES, LONG DISTANCE CALLS, AND TDY PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT INCREASED SUPPORT MIGHT BE PROVIDED BY THE AIR FORCE. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE NOT PROVIDED FUNDS TO AAC, AFFTC, RADC, PACAF, AND OTHERS FOR SIMILAR TYPE COSTS. OUR ANSWERS TO QUERIES RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING AGENCIES ARE BASED ON RECEIPT OF POSSIBLE FUNDING POLICY CHANGES. THESE ANSWERS ARE NOT CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY IN THAT PARTICIPATING AGENCIES CANNOT PROPERLY PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THEM.

3. UNTIL CONCRETE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED AS TO WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE AIR FORCE, HOW FUNDS FOR THIS SUPPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, WHAT BUDGET PROGRAMS ARE INVOLVED; AND UNTIL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED AS TO WHETHER THE PACIFIC RANGE WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS (INCLUDING MODIFICATION AND USE OF PVT. JOE E. MANN), IT IS DIFFICULT FOR AFBMD TO PROPERLY PROGRAM FUNDS AND NEGOTIATE FINAL AGREEMENTS FOR SUPPORT TO THE PROGRAM.

4. INCLOSED AS EXAMPLES OF QUERIES RECEIVED AND ANSWERS PROVIDED ARE COPIES OF AAC AND AFFTC LETTERS AND AFBMD ANSWERS.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM BE PROVIDED INFORMATION AT AN EARLY DATE AS TO WHETHER

AFDAD ATTN: Gen Bowsby

OR NOT IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDING POLICY PREVIOUSLY DISSEMINATED OFFICIALLY SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING POSSIBLE POLICY CHANGE.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

4 INCLS:
1. AFFTC LTR, DTD 7 OCT 58
2. AFBMD REPLY, DTD 12 NOV 58
3. AAC LTR, DTD 3 NOV 58
4. AFBMD REPLY, DTD 21 NOV 58

PAUL W. SUMMERS
Colonel, USAF
Comptroller

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AFBMD, ATTN: GEN. BOUDNEY
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